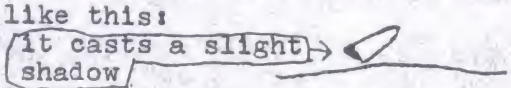
MEMO RE JFK SHIRT PIX 8/13/70--HR

You (Harold and Dick) have made me XXXXXXX terribly suspicious--perhaps too much. So, X when I received copies of Harold's pictures of the back of the shirt, I wondered why the identifications were put on the pictures so that a part of the picture is blocked out. On the shirt slit picture, they just typed the identification on the back. I also noticed, as Harold said, that the DJ persists in having the hole blow-up upside down.

I immediately took notice to the area of the blow-up which is obscured by the typed identification lable. It is directly above the bullet hole, at the area where the stripes go horizontal instead of vertical, where, from the other side, the label on the shirt would probably be. I took the picture of the whole shirt and searched out this area there. What I found interests me.

Right on the margin where the stripes change direction in the above described area is some sort of irregularity. It can be found in a white area surrounded by blood, XXXXX making the form of a somewhat distorted star. Between the bottom two legs of this "star" but more inclines on the left side is this irrgularity, which is shaped like this:



and is light colored, as the shirt in that region. It is not susceptible to identification. I checked the WC picture of the back of the shirt but could not make out anything because of the screen. Harold has a good blow-up of that too and can check.

This interests me more in light of a little mystery over the jacket. The panel reports a little defect in the jacket 4 cm. below top of collar, right in the area of the shirt "irregularity." The WC testimony would indicate that this is the area removed by FBI as a control in the spectro tests. Remember the memo HUmes said was attached to coat during his testimony but was not in the Archives when I requested it? It has to do with the removal of the control area off the jacket. However, Frazier said the control area was taken from <u>under</u> the collar (5H59) and Humes repeated that the memo said <u>under</u> the collar . Humes, like the panel, described a whole in the back of the jacket and one just below the btoom of the collar (2H365).

I checked my copy of FBI Ex. 59--the back of the jacket. It is so unclear that you can't even see the known bullet hole there, despite the arrow pointing to it.

I would urge Harold to press for the original of the jacket picture, perhaps even access to the jacket if this fits in the clothing suit. But I would not urge that he peel off the taped on labels for that probably will tear the picture.